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Title

: Vertical Laser Diode with Means for Beam

Profile Forming

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the instant application, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Translated Specification:

Page 2, above the title, delete the word "Description".

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7, with:

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